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## Friars/163 revamp approved

*First phase of \$130 million project slated to begin in 2014*

The San Diego Planning Commission took a major step last month to alleviate traffic snarls and congestion at the busiest interchange in District Six: Friars Road and State Route 163.

On June 17, the Commission unanimously approved an Environmental Impact Report, mitigation findings and a site-development permit for a \$130 million overhaul of the interchange, including auxiliary lanes and sound walls extending all the way up to Genesee Road.

"Every time we see a project in Mission Valley, this intersection – Friars and 163 – comes up," said Commissioner Dennis Otsuji.

The improvements are planned to be done in three phases from 2014 to 2020.

The first phase, expected to cost about \$54 million, will include widening Friars Road and reconfiguring freeway ramps onto and off of Friars. Phase two, budgeted at around \$69 million, will include "flyover" ramps to eliminate the treacherous merging that now takes place between drivers getting onto and off of 163 south near Interstate 8.

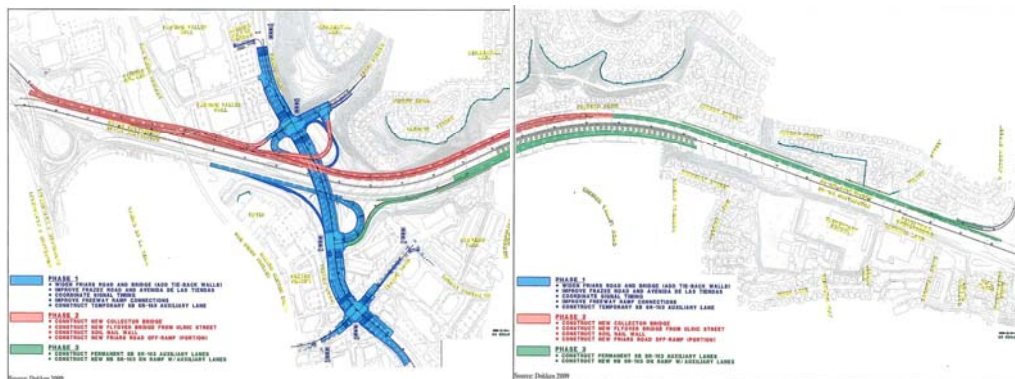
The final phase, estimated to cost about \$5 million, will include freeway merge lanes and sound-wall barriers north of Friars Road.

Sources for the bulk of those costs -- \$96.6 million of the \$128.7 million total -- have not yet been identified. Much is expected to come from federal grants that couldn't be applied for until after the environmental report and site permit were approved, said Associate Engineer Mark Koll, who is coordinating the project for the City's Engineering and Capital Project Department. Future allocation plans will require City Council approval, Koll said.

Of the \$36 million slated for the project so far, more than half -- \$19 million -- will come from Sudberry Properties for the 4,800-home Quarry Falls/Civita development planned between Mission Center Road and Interstate 805. Most of the remaining \$17 million already allocated is from the City's state and federal transportation funds.

Development Services Department Project Manager Jeanette Temple told Commissioners that the interchange project, which has been going through planning since 2003, will make huge differences for thousands of drivers.

"Our goal is to improve the traffic safety and congestion in the area," she said.



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## Solar energy shines at Ronald McDonald House

In June, the Ronald McDonald House in Serra Mesa became the non-profit's first California facility to install rooftop photovoltaic panels.

Partnering with HelioPower Inc., the system consists of 518 solar modules capable of generating 147,846 kilowatt hours of energy a year. Each module consists of 60 solar cells and weighs about 44 pounds.

The Serra Mesa Ronald McDonald House, which provides housing to families of children in area hospitals, is celebrating its first anniversary of a larger new facility and expects to serve 20,000 families in 2010.



Ronald McDonald House has solar panels.

## Council approves funds for bike path under SR163

### *\$1.4m project to link Hazard Center, Fashion Valley*

A key segment of bicycle trail along the San Diego River in Mission Valley got a final push with a \$100,000 City Council appropriation last month.

For years, cyclists and pedestrians have lamented the lack of a paved pathway under State Route 163 between Hazard Center and Fashion Valley Mall. Strollers, joggers and riders taking the paths on either side have had to contend with an unimproved gap the length of four football fields under freeway overpasses often occupied by transients.

Filling this gap has become even more important with the pending construction of a long-awaited westerly extension of Hazard Center Drive. Squeezed between freeway pilings, the two-lane road that will link Hazard Center and Fashion Valley will be too narrow for a bike lane or even a sidewalk. People who want to walk, jog or pedal through that area will be in even greater need of a safe alternative.

And now it appears they'll have one, hopefully by next summer.

Mark Giandoni, an associate engineer with the city's Engineering and Capital Projects Department, said most of the design work has been completed on the \$1.4 million project, which is being funded mostly with state gasoline tax funds managed by the San Diego Association of Governments. But some unexpected complications arose in obtaining required easements and permits from other governmental agencies, pushing costs beyond what was budgeted this year. Hence the request for the \$100,000 appropriation the Council approved June 15.

"That was to move additional funding into this project to keep it going," Giandoni said. "Otherwise we'd have to wait until the next fiscal year."

The planned bicycle/pedestrian path will be 12 feet wide and will extend 1,200 feet along the river's northern bank. Construction is expected to begin next spring and be completed in three to four months, Giandoni said.

The segment under Route 163 is part of what eventually will be an interconnected network of river pathways extending all the way through Mission Valley, from Qualcomm Stadium to the Pacific.

"This is one of the most important linkages along the San Diego



Site of future bike path under State Route 163, looking east from Fashion Valley Mall.

River trail," said Mike Nelson, executive director of the San Diego River Conservancy, whose governing board is chaired by Councilmember Frye.

After last summer's opening of a mile-long stretch of path from Ocean Beach to Sefton Field, completing the leg under Route 163 is "a big, big deal," Nelson said. "It's much more important than its 1,200 feet."





# Tecolote Canyon ecological damage to be mended

Damage caused by public-utility work in Tecolote Canyon will be repaired under a \$1.5 million contract approved June 29 by City Council.

The contract, which has yet to be awarded, will cover enhancement of about 3.5 acres of wetland habitat, restoration of 3.2 acres of upland habitat and 20 acres of weed management on various City-owned parcels within Tecolote Canyon Natural Park. The areas involved are between Balboa Avenue and Mount Acadia Boulevard.

The project will mitigate damage, current and anticipated, from improvements to and maintenance of erosion-control, irrigation and other systems in the park. Timely restoration of areas damaged by canyon sewer cleaning and long-term sewer maintenance projects is required by both city and state law.

Money for the restoration work comes from the existing Sewer Fund and was set aside for this purpose.



Tecolote Canyon

## Clairemont church redefines “worship service”

Volunteers pitch in to beautify surrounding neighborhood



Painting a wall

They’ve gone and done it again!

Instead of attending services on Sunday, June 13, more than 100 members and friends of Northminster Presbyterian Church spent about three hours *doing* service — sprucing up their Clairemont neighborhood.

It was the congregation’s second annual “Worship Service Day,” when they wear work clothes, roll up their sleeves and get outside to make a difference instead of worshipping in the church sanctuary.

Volunteers covered five walls and five fences with 16 gallons of paint. They also filled four trash bins with weeds and debris, rebuilt a fence behind a neighbor’s home and filled 31 potholes in the alleyway with 1,000 pounds of commercial asphalt. Northminster members also get out on Saturdays working in the community, most recently on a garden at nearby Hawthorne Elementary School.

Thank you Northminster for being such good neighbors!



Rebuilding a fence



Clearing weeds



Filling potholes



## Project proceeding to replace main sewer line in MV



Sewer work at Sefton Field near Hotel Circle Place

Construction is continuing on a \$60 million project to replace Mission Valley's antiquated sewer main lines.

The project's \$15 million first phase, which began last fall and is expected to be completed before the end of this year, is replacing 3,000 linear feet of pipe along Hotel Circle Place, Taylor Street east of Interstate 5 and a section under Interstate 8 between Camino del Rio South and Camino del Rio North, just east of Interstate 15.

The existing "trunk" sewer line, 24 inches in diameter, is too small for the volume it handles, and being almost 70 years is also prone to leaks. It is being replaced with 36-inch, corrosion-resistant pipe.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Engineering and Capital Projects Department at (619) 533-4207 or e-mailing

[engineering@sanidiego.gov](mailto:engineering@sanidiego.gov).

*South Clairemont Recreation Center Presents*

## 21st Annual **CLAIREMONT FAMILY DAY**

**Saturday, August 7  
8 AM to 4 PM**

South Clairemont Park, 3605 Clairemont Drive

**Food, Entertainment & Fun for the Whole Family**

- [Kiwans Pancake Breakfast](#)
- Arts & Crafts
- Carnival Rides
- Local Bands
- Food Vendors
- Pony Rides
- Demos From the South Clairemont Recreation Center: Featuring Tap, Jazz, Hula, Gymnastics & [Tai Chi](#)
- Civic Groups & Organizations
- Local Community Leaders & Representatives

For additional information, visit [www.clairemontfamilyday.com](http://www.clairemontfamilyday.com)



# Code Compliance responds to concerns about uses of lot

## *Businesses have come and gone at Clairemont Drive & Balboa Avenue*

For several years, residents have called us with concerns about 3901 Clairemont Drive. The property, at the northeast corner of Clairemont Drive and Balboa Avenue, has housed a smog center and numerous other small businesses. Uses have included a coffee cart with bikini-clad baristas, a flower stand, a taco wagon, a pizza restaurant and a Greek food stand.

Over the years, our office has attempted to work with the City's Neighborhood Code Compliance (NCC) Department regarding the legality of these various businesses. Recently we asked a series of questions and received informative and helpful responses that we want to share with our constituents. Below is that Q&A:

### ***What is the current status of the property?***

Currently, there is one business operating on site which is the Smog Check business. All other uses including the Sneak-a-Peek Coffee trailer, mobile food vans, and snack business have ceased and have been removed from the property. There are still unpermitted signs and a small shed to be removed.

### ***What businesses, if any, are allowed to operate there?***

No businesses are allowed to operate on this site until proper permits are obtained to develop the site under the current use and development regulations per the CN-1-2 zone.

### ***What permit is required of the smog business to stay in operation at this location?***

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 82-0437.1 (1984) permitted the construction and use of a gasoline service station and food mart. Building Permit No. A30456 (1984) was issued to change the occupancy of the garage area of the building to a food mart. In 2003, a portion of the food mart was modified without a building permit -- and contrary to conditions of approval of CUP No. 82-0437.1 -- to provide the current smog-shop operation. The CN-1-2 zone regulations do not allow vehicle repair or maintenance uses.

### ***What is the process by which the owners must come into compliance, and how long is your department giving them to do so?***

A Civil Penalty Notice and Order was issued on April 9, 2010. Compliance requirements included immediate cessation of the smog-shop operation and removal of unpermitted structures, trailers, signs and trash. The premises may not be used until the gasoline station and appurtenant structures are removed and the property is redeveloped according to all building and zoning regulations. Because the owner has failed to close the smog business, NCC is scheduling a Civil Penalties Hearing. We expect the hearing to take place within approximately 60 days.

Condition No. 21 of the CUP requires the removal of all structures, buildings, signs and accessory uses related to the gasoline service station, and other potentially hazardous conditions removed from the premises if the gasoline service facility is abandoned or vacated for a continuous period of one year. Also, underground fuel storage tanks shall be removed or capped satisfactory to the Fire Department.

The gasoline service station use was discontinued in 2002. Underground fuel storage tanks have been removed. There are still unresolved issues related to necessary remediation of underground soil contamination on site and surrounding areas. The property owner recently provided NCCD with a letter issued by Shell Oil Products U.S., dated June 1, 2010, indicating that Shell is currently in the assessment phase of the environmental correction action plan. They indicate the assessment phase will be completed sometime in 2010. Further assessment may be required after initial review by San Diego County Department of Environmental Health (DEH). Once the assessment phase is complete, Shell will prepare the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) which is likely to occur in early 2011. Shell intends to incorporate a request for "No Further Action" ("NFA") in the CAP. If DEH agrees with the CAP, an NFA letter should be issued during the calendar year 2011 and not later than 2012.

### ***How would you like us to refer questions and complaints regarding this property?***

Mike Richmond, Senior Land Development Investigator, may be contacted at (619) 533-6302 or [mrichmond@sandiego.gov](mailto:mrichmond@sandiego.gov).





## Bay Park Elementary marks 70th anniversary



Some orcas like cake.

Bay Park Elementary School celebrated its 70th anniversary June 3 with fun, food and festivities. A SeaWorld “Shamu” mascot stopped by to congratulate Principal Elizabeth Ballard and all the Bay Park students. A few San Diego Chargers and members of the armed forces also participated in the fun, and Happy Birthday

Bay Park cakes were enjoyed by all.

— Contributed by Corrine Brindley  
SeaWorld San Diego



Bay Park Principal Elizabeth Ballard, center, has lots of friends.

## Frye helps charity fundraiser with handmade art

*“Soul plates” have raised \$5,200 for HIV/AIDS-assistance group*

Donna contributed a piece of her own unique handmade art to Being Alive San Diego’s Sixth Annual “Soul Plates Fundraiser” at Park Manor Hotel on June 5.

Donna’s ornately decorated plate, which she titled “Beads of Change,” and a guest certificate for lunch with her at her favorite restaurant — Maria’s on Fourth Avenue downtown — helped the event raise some \$35,000 for local services for people living with HIV and AIDS.

Painting and decorating a soul plate has become a tradition for the Councilmember. Over the past six years her plates have raised \$5,200 for the charity. Executive Director Shannon Wagner said that sum is enough to provide 2,000 bags of food or 50 counseling sessions for low-income families or individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

“I know to many, \$5,200 does not seem like it would make a big impact. As you can see from these figures, IT DOES,” Wagner wrote in an e-mail. “On behalf of our clients, THANK YOU DONNA FRYE!”

For more information, visit [www.BeingAlive.org](http://www.BeingAlive.org). To see other soul plates Donna has created, visit the “Photo Gallery” on the District Six Web site, [www.sandiego.gov/cd6](http://www.sandiego.gov/cd6).



Donna’s “Beads of Change”

## Something for everyone at Clairemont Library



- The Library’s Adult Book Club will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 7 at the Same Old Grind Coffee and Tea Shop, 3077-A Clairemont Drive (in the Clairemont Village Shopping Center). Members will discuss *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson. Books are available at the Library circulation desk.
- A free art class for children ages 6 to 12 called “Splash into the Ocean” is scheduled at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 7. The class will be taught by art instructor, illustrator and author Lisa Davis DeMattei.
- The Library’s Parent/Child Book Club for grades 1-3 will meet at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, July 14. Members will discuss *Babymouse: Beach Babe* by Jennifer Holm and create a related craft.
- A free story time for children of all ages is scheduled 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 17. Led by an instructor impersonating Ariel from Disney’s “The Little Mermaid,” the session will include songs, games and stories related to the sea.

The Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Blvd., is closed Sundays and Mondays and open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please call (858) 581-9935 for more information.



## Important Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	858-495-7856
Animal Regulation	619-236-4250
Beach & Bay Advisory	619-338-2073
Birth and Death Records	619-237-0502
Brush/Weed Abatement	619-533-4444
Building Permits	619-446-5000
Buses/MTS Access	619-233-3004
Canyon Watchers Program	858-292-6484
City Council Docket Info	619-533-4000
City Directory	619-236-5555
<b>Code Violations</b>	<b>619-236-5500</b>
<b>Crime Stoppers</b>	<b>888-580-8477</b>
Curb Maintenance	619-527-7500
Dead Animal Removal	858-694-7000
Dog Licenses	619-767-2675
Fire Stations	619-533-4300
<b>Graffiti</b>	<b>619-525-8522</b>
<b>Hazardous Materials Hotline</b>	<b>858-694-7000</b>
Housing Commission	619-231-9400
Humane Society	619-299-7012
Libraries	
Balboa	858-573-1390
Clairemont	858-581-9935
Linda Vista	858-573-1399
Mission Valley	858-573-5000
North Clairemont	858-581-9931
Serra Mesa	858-573-1396
Noise Regulation	619-236-5500
Office of Small Business	619-685-1390
Park and Recreation	619-525-8219
Parking Citations	619-236-7145
Parking Enforcement	858-495-4747
<b>Police: Non-Emergency</b>	<b>619-531-2000</b>
<b>Pot Hole Hotline</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
Recreation Centers	
Kearny Mesa	858-573-1387
Linda Vista	858-573-1392
North Clairemont	858-581-9926
Serra Mesa	858-573-1408
South Clairemont	858-581-9924
Tecolote	858-581-9933
Recycling Hotline	858-694-7000
Senior Citizens Services	619-236-6905
Serra Mesa Community Connection	858-565-2473
Sewer Repair/Spills	619-515-3525
<b>Sidewalk Maintenance</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
<b>Social Services Information</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>Stormwater Pollution Hotline</b>	<b>619-235-1000</b>
Street Lights	619-527-7500
Street Sweeping	619-527-7500
Traffic Control	619-533-3126
<b>Tree Maintenance</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
Waste Reduction & Disposal	858-492-5010
<b>Water Emergency</b>	<b>619-515-3525</b>
<b>Water Utilities</b>	<b>619-515-3500</b>
Zoning Regulation Information	619-236-5555

## District Six Community Meetings

### **Clairemont Town Council**, <http://www.clairemontonline.com>

Place: Clairemont High School Cafeteria  
4150 Ute Drive  
When: 1st Thursday/Month  
Time: 7 p.m.

### **Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee**

Place: LiveWell San Diego (formerly Clairemont Senior Friendship Center)  
4425 Bannock Ave.  
When: 3rd Tuesday/Month  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### **Kearny Mesa Planning Group**

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library  
9005 Aero Drive  
When: 3rd Wednesday/Month  
Time: Noon

### **Linda Vista Town Council**

Place: Baha'i Center  
6545 Alcala Knolls Drive  
When: 3rd Thursday/Month  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### **Linda Vista Planning Group**

Place: Linda Recreation Center  
7064 Levant Street  
When: 4th Monday/Month  
Time: 5:30 p.m.

### **Mission Bay Park Committee**

Place: Rotating Venue  
When: 1st Tuesday/Month  
Time: 6 p.m.

### **Mission Valley Community Council**

Place: Mission Valley Library  
2123 Fenton Parkway  
When: 3rd Tuesday/Odd Months  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### **Mission Valley Planning Group**

Place: Mission Valley Library  
2123 Fenton Parkway  
When: 1st Wednesday/Month  
Time: Noon

### **Serra Mesa Community Council**, [www.serramesa.org](http://www.serramesa.org)

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library  
9005 Aero Drive  
When: 4th Wednesday/Month  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

### **Serra Mesa Planning Group**

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library  
9005 Aero Drive  
When: 3rd Thursday/Month  
Time: 7 p.m.



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